

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am also very concerned how the public is being shut out of the process in which these rules are being altered. It's very sad to see that special interests are obviously manipulating the system for financial gain, and no one seems to be acting in the public's interest. I hope that the public has, at the very least, an opportunity to acquire information and engage in dialogue on this matter. If they don't, there is truly nothing fair about the process. Fooling people and obfuscating issues is undemocratic.

If anything, there needs to be stronger ownership limits to promote more diversity. It boggles the imagination to think that there is actually a campaign under way which would like to do the opposite - by loosening media ownership rules.

I watched television for the first time in months the other week. I flipped through the stations. The lack of depth, the vapidness, the blandness and the "sameness" of the stations was truly disturbing. Fortunately, I have access to alternative news and information sources, but this is not true of the majority of Americans who, besides their local papers, are dependent on television.

I simply cannot understand the rationale that suggest that ownership limits are not necessary to promote diverse expression. Simple common sense about the media, government and business would suggest that this is an erroneous assumption.

Please do not let corporate interests steal the airwaves from the public. Don't dismantle rules that were designed for the interest of the people.